



Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

BUREAU OF NATURAL RESOURCES - FISHERIES DIVISION

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO IMPORT AND/OR LIBERATE
LIVE FISH OR LIVE FISH EGGS**

Read the information and instructions on page 2 of this document before completing the application.

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Street: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No.: (home) _____ (work) _____

2. Fish or eggs to be imported and/or liberated:

Number: _____ Length or Weight: _____ Species: _____

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3. Source of fish or fish eggs: Supplier: _____

Street: _____ Town: _____ State: _____
To be shipped by Air Express Car

4. Fish or fish eggs are to be transported to:

Pond, Lake or Stream: _____ Location: _____

Town: _____ Stream System: _____ On or About: _____

5. The purpose of transporting these fish is (check one or more):

to sell live for stocking to sell dead as food
to sell live as bait to use as broodstock liberation

6. This permit is to be issued for the period: _____ to _____

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

***** (for agency use only) *****

IMPORTATION PERMIT: Approved () Disapproved () Issue Date: _____

Issued By: _____

Edward C. Parker, Bureau Chief

LIBERATION PERMIT: Approved () Disapproved () Issue Date: _____

Issued By: _____

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Importation Permit: A permit from the Department of Environmental Protection is required for the importation into the state of any live fish or live fish eggs, except for common aquarium species.

Live fish or live fish eggs of the following species, genera or families may not be imported in to the state or possessed: (1) Bowfin (*Amia calva*); (2) Gars (*Lepisosteidae spp.*); (3) Gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*); (4) White bass (*Morone chrysops*); (5) Freshwater drum (*Aplodinotus grunniens*); (6) Snail carp or Black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*); (7) Silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*); (8) Big Head carp (*Aristichthys nobilis*); (9) Tench (*Tinca tinca*); (10) Rohu (*Labeo rohita*); (11) Calbasu (*Labeo calbasa*) (12) Catla (*Catla catla*); (13) Mrigal (*Cirrhina mrigala*); (14) Mahseer (*Tor tor*); (15) Crucian carp (*Carassius carassius*); (16) Rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*); (17) European whitefish, Orfe or Ide (*Leuciscus idus*); (18) any species of fish whose importation into the United States is prohibited; (19) any species of fish designated rare, threatened or endangered; (20) any species of fish which the Commissioner determines is potentially dangerous to humans, established species of fish or established aquatic plants; and (21) Snakehead (including all members of the genus *Channa* and *Parachanna* or their generic synonyms of *Bostrychoides*, *Ophicephalus*, *Ophiocephalus*, and *Parophiocephalus*).

An individual permit application is necessary for each importation, permits are valid for not more than sixty days and may be issued or denied at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Live fish or live fish eggs originating outside of the United States, or originating from west of the United States continental divide, must be certified as disease free prior to shipment. Any live fish or live fish eggs originating outside of the United States must also have official clearance, in writing, from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

A copy of this permit and any disease free certification must accompany the shipment and must be available for inspection by any agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Liberation/Stocking Permit: A liberation permit is necessary when an individual or agency liberates live fish or live fish eggs into any pond, lake or stream in Connecticut. This requirement is in effect even if the live fish or live fish eggs originate inside the state.

An individual permit application is necessary for each liberation, permits are valid for not more than thirty days and may be issued or denied at the discretion of the Commissioner.

A copy of this permit must accompany the shipment and must be available for inspection by any agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Triploid Grass Carp: A special permit is required for the importation and liberation of triploid (sterile) grass carp or white amur. This requirement is in effect even when the subject fish originate inside the state. Permit applications may be obtained from: DEP Fisheries Division, 79 Elm Street, 6th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. Tel. (860) 424-3474.

Tropical Aquarium Fish and Goldfish: Most tropical fish and goldfish imported for use in aquaria, exclusively, do not require importation permits. However, restrictions and total prohibitions are in effect against certain species (see above) and it is illegal to release any aquarium fish into public or private waters.

CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS PURCHASING LIVE FISH OR LIVE FISH EGGS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF 6% CONNECTICUT SALES AND USE TAX.

To obtain a permit, complete the application form and sent to the DEP Fisheries Division, 79 Elm Street, 6th Floor, Hartford, CT 06106. There is no charge for the permit.